GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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VACANT FLATS ON NATIONAL LIBRARY KOLKATA
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government are aware that out of 48 type IV flats, 32 have been lying vacant for more than nine years in the campus of National Library, Calcutta;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the financial loss suffered by the Government on this count; and

(c) the action taken/ initiated against officials responsible for keeping the flats vacant ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) Yes. Sir. 32 type IV quarters had been vacant for periods ranging between 9 months to 9 years.

(b) The reason was that the National Library hadvacancies at higher levels of the hierarchy. Besides each P a y Commission`s recommendations have changed the eligibility of categories of personnel originally eligible for type IV quarters. The non-allotment of above quarters has resulted in loss to government of Rs.3.50 lakhs on account of non-receipt of licence fee.

(c) Action has been taken to allot all (except 4) type IV quarter to non-eligible category by charging 3 times the full standard licence fee payable under F.R.45 A in terms of government order. The four unallotted flats have been kept for officers to be appointed to the post of Director and Principal Library and Information Officer and also for proposed Rader`s Hostel.